

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS  
MINUTES OF MEETING

A meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners was held in the Community Room at the Burlington Police Department on **Tuesday, April 26, 2016**. Chair Kenney called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

The following Commissioners were present: Chair Sarah Kenney, Vice Chair Jerry O'Neill, Commissioner Paul Hochanadel, Commissioner Nyree Miles and Commissioner Christine Kemp Longmore. Also present were Chief Brandon del Pozo, Deputy Chief Jan Wright and Kimberly Caron, Police Commission Clerk.

**Additions or Modifications to Agenda:**

~Chair Kenney moved to add a discussion on the City Council's Resolution requesting a Police Commission review of mental health responses as #7 on the agenda. Vice Chair O'Neill seconded; all in favor so passed.

**Public Forum:**

~No one addressed the Police Commission for Public Forum.

**Chief's Report:**

~Professor Stephanie Seguino will be presenting her analysis on Race Data Collection to the Department supervisors on Thursday. The Department is also looking at the data to conduct their own analysis.

~The Chief had a conversation with the NYPD chair of the Civilian Complaint Review Board, Deborah Archer. They discussed having Ms. Archer come up to review the Department's current practice with handling complaints.

~Crime Analyst Connor Brooks is currently working on creating an online version of the BPD civilian complaint form. This will be a form that can be completed online using the City of Burlington's webform application on their website.

~ The Police Executive Research Forum (PERF) held a meeting recently on how to take subjects into custody without using firearms, specifically subjects with mental illness. Two officers from the Department attended this training.

~The Department has two open positions currently: The Crime Data Analyst position and the new Opiate Policy Manager position. The Department is advertising across a wide network to get the best possible candidates for the positions.

~Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS), part of the Department of Justice, just announced their 2016 COPS grant. Contingent on the Mayor's approval, the Department is hoping to use the COPS grant to hire up to 5 more sworn personnel.

~Foot Patrols are underway in the Old North End and on Church Street. These 4-8 hour patrols are intended to help deter crime and increase community engagement. The area of Church Street and Cherry Street have been the location of several hundred 911 emergency calls. Discussion followed.

**Update on DEA Arrest and Search Warrant Execution on 12/22/15:**

~Vice Chair O'Neill informed the Commission there has been no updates from the DEA or State Police regarding his public records request.

### **Discussion on Department's Anti-Bias Policing training:**

~The Chief briefed the Commission on the anti-bias training required by the State of Vermont in policing. Discussion followed. Chair Kenney suggested the Commission research what national best practice anti-bias policies look like. Chair Kenney will look into this and report back to the Commission.

### **Update on Role of Commission:**

~Chair Kenney connected with the Public Safety Committee and explained their meeting. Discussion followed. Chair Kenney and Commissioner Kemp Longmore will follow up with the Public Safety Committee to continue to develop a process on community engagement regarding what they would like to see in a citizen oversight committee.

### **City Council Resolution Requesting Police Commission Review of Strategies and Tactics For Police Response to Individuals in Mental Health Crises:**

~The City Council passed a resolution on Monday asking the Police Commission to perform an independent review of strategies and tactics deployed by the Burlington Police Department during the 3/21/16 Officer Involved Shooting incident. Discussion followed. Chair Kenney will put together a list of mental health and police professionals to invite to the June Commission meeting to discuss this further. This will give the Commission time at the May meeting to review the information regarding the incident. That information will be available to the Commission once the State's Attorney's Office rules on the incident investigation.

### **Update on March 21, 2016 Officer-Involved Shooting Incident:**

~As the investigation regarding this 3/21/16 incident is still pending the SA's decision, there is no update on this incident. Please see the explanation above regarding the City Council's Resolution.

### **Incoming Correspondence:**

~There was no incoming correspondence.

### **Commissioners' Updates/Comments:**

~Chair Kenney briefed the Commission regarding the Homeland Security Investigation's memorandum of understanding. Deputy Chief Wright is working on setting up a discussion with Migrant Justice, the ACLU, the Commission and the Public Safety Committee to refine the language in the MOU.

### **Review Updated Directives, DD 28: Information Technology Systems & Electronic Communications:**

~The Commission reviewed the changes made to DD28: Information Technology Systems & Electronic Communications. Discussion followed. Vice Chair O'Neill moved to adopt the changes to the Directive. Commissioner Hochanadel seconded; all in favor, so passed.

### **Consent Agenda – Minutes of the 3/22/2016 Meeting:**

~Chair Kenney moved to approve the 3/22/2016 minutes. Commissioner Miles seconded; all in favor, so passed.

### **Next Meeting's Agenda Items and Date:**

~The next meeting date was set for Tuesday, May 24, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

~Chair Kenney requested an update on the Domestic Violence Prevention Officer position be added to

the agenda.

~Chair Kenney requested an update on the Race Data Collection Analysis be added to the agenda.

~Chair Kenney requested a discussion of the proposal for community circles of accountability be added to the agenda.

~Chair Kenney requested that an update on the March 21, 2016 Officer-Involved Shooting be added to the agenda.

**Executive Session:**

~ No executive session was needed.

**Adjournment:**

~Commissioner Hochanadel moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:38 p.m. Chair Kenney seconded; all in favor, so passed.